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Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fifty-second session of the Committee against Torture will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 28 April to 23 May 2014. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 28 April, at 10 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the fifty-second session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 31 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 7, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The fifty-second session of the Committee will be opened by a representative of the Secretary-General.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure (CAT/C/3/Rev.6), the new members of the Committee elected at the fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on 1 October 2013 will make the following solemn declaration:

> I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee against Torture honourably, faithfully, independently, impartially and conscientiously.

3. Election of the officers of the Committee

In accordance with article 18, paragraph 1, of the Convention and rules 16 and 17 of the rules of procedure, under this item, the Committee will elect from among its members a chairperson, three vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur. In electing its officers, the Committee shall give consideration to equitable geographical distribution and appropriate gender balance and, to the extent possible, rotation among members. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

4. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except when the election of officers is required under rule 16. Under this item, the Committee will adopt the agenda for the session. In accordance with rule 9 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda during the session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

5. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session, as well as its working methods and any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

6. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

(a) States parties to the Convention

As at 5 February 2014, there were 154 States parties to the Convention. Guinea-Bissau ratified the Convention on 24 September 2013.

(b) Reports received

In addition to the reports scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-second session, by 5 February 2014, the Secretary-General had received reports from the following States parties, which are pending consideration:

No initial reports were submitted by States parties as at this date.

Periodic reports	Symbol
Australia	CAT/C/AUS/4-5
Burundi*	CAT/C/BDI/2
China*	CAT/C/CHN/5
Hong Kong, China*	CAT/C/CHN-HKG/5
Macao, China*	CAT/C/CHN-MAC/5
Colombia	CAT/C/COL/5
Croatia	CAT/C/HRV/4-5
Kazakhstan	CAT/C/KAZ/3
Luxembourg	CAT/C/LUX/6-7
New Zealand	CAT/C/NZL/6
Romania	CAT/C/ROM/2
Serbia	CAT/C/SRB/2
Slovakia	CAT/C/SVK/3
Spain	CAT/C/ESP/6
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	CAT/C/MKD/3
Tunisia**	CAT/C/TUN/3
Sweden	CAT/C/SWE/6-7
Ukraine	CAT/C/UKR/6
United States of America	CAT/C/USA/3-5
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)*	CAT/C/VEN/3-4

* Reports not submitted under the simplified reporting procedure.

** The State party will submit an additional updated report.

(c) Initial reports

The status of initial reports as at 5 February 2014 was as follows:

Initial reports

State party (since)	*Overdue since*	*Due/received*
Antigua and Barbuda (1993)	17 August 1994	---
Bangladesh (1998)	4 November 1999	---
Botswana (2000)	7 October 2001	---
Cape Verde (1992)	3 July 1993	---
Congo (2003)	30 August 2004	---
Côte d'Ivoire (1995)	16 January 1997	---
Dominican Republic (2012)	23 February 2013	---
Equatorial Guinea (2002)	6 November 2003	---
Guinea (1989)	8 November 1990	---
Guinea-Bissau (2013)	---	24 October 2014
Holy See (2002)	---	Received 7 December 2012
Iraq (2011)	6 August 2012	---
Lao People's Democratic Republic (2012)	26 October 2013	---
Lebanon (2000)	3 November 2001	---
Lesotho (2001)	11 December 2002	---
Liberia (2004)	22 October 2005	---
Malawi (1996)	10 July 1997	---
Maldives (2004)	20 May 2005	---
Mali (1999)	27 March 2000	---
Nauru (2012)	26 October 2013	---
Niger (1998)	3 November 1999	---
Nigeria (2001)	28 June 2002	---
Pakistan (2010)	23 July 2011	---
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2001)	30 August 2002	---
San Marino (2006)	27 December 2007	---
Seychelles (1992)	3 June 1993	---
Sierra Leone (2001)	---	Received 7 February 2013
Somalia (1990)	22 February 1991	---
Swaziland (2004)	25 April 2005	---

Initial reports

State party (since)	*Overdue since*	*Due/received*
Thailand (2007)	---	Received 26 February 2013
Timor-Leste (2003)	16 May 2004	---
United Arab Emirates (2012)	19 August 2013	---
Vanuatu (2011)	11 August 2012	---

(d) Periodic reports

The status of periodic reports as at 5 February 2014 was as follows:

Periodic reports

State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due/received*
Afghanistan (1987)	Initial November 1992	Second 25 June 1996	---
Albania (1994)	Second May 2012	---	Third 1 June 2016
Algeria (1989)	Third May 2008	Fourth 20 June 2012	---
Andorra (2006)	Initial November 2013	---	Second 22 November 2017
Argentina* (1986)	Fourth November 2004	Fifth and sixth 25 June 2008	---
Armenia (1993)	Third May 2012	---	Fourth 1 June 2016
Australia* (1989)	Third May 2008	---	Fourth and fifth Received 31 July 2013
Austria* (1987)	Fourth and fifth May 2010	---	Sixth 14 May 2014
Azerbaijan* (1996)	Third November 2009	Fourth 20 November 2013	---
Bahrain (1998)	Initial May 2005	Second 4 April 2007	---
Belarus* (1987)	Fourth November 2011	---	Fifth 25 November 2015
Belgium* (1999)	Third November 2013	---	Fourth 22 November 2017
Belize* (1986)	Initial November 1993	Initial and second 25 June 1996	---
Benin* (1992)	Second November 2007	Third 30 December 2011	---
Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (1999)	Second May 2013	---	Third 31 May 2017

Periodic reports

State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due/received*
Bosnia and Herzegovina* (1993)	Second to fifth November 2010	---	Sixth 19 November 2014
Brazil* (1989)	Initial May 2001	Second 27 October 2002	---
Bulgaria* (1986)	Fourth and fifth November 2011	---	Sixth 25 November 2015
Burkina Faso (1999)	Initial November 2013	---	Second 22 November 2017
Burundi (1993)	Initial November 2006	---	Second Received 18 April 2012
Cambodia* (1992)	Second November 2010	---	Third 19 November 2014
Cameroon (1986)	Fourth May 2010	---	Fifth 14 May 2014
Canada* (1987)	Sixth May 2012	---	Seventh 1 June 2016
Chad* (1992)	Initial May 2009	Second 15 May 2012	---
Chile* (1988)	Fifth May 2009	Sixth 15 May 2013	---
China (including Hong Kong, China, and Macao, China) (1988)	Fourth November 2008	---	Fifth Received 20 June 2013
Colombia* (1987)	Fourth November 2009	---	Fifth Received 30 December 2013
Costa Rica* (1993)	Second May 2008	Third 30 June 2012	---
Croatia* (1992)	Third May 2004	---	Fourth and fifth Received 19 March 2013
Cuba (1995)	Second May 2012	---	Third 1 June 2016
Cyprus* (1991)	Third November 2002	---	Fourth Received 30 November 2012
Czech Republic* (1993)	Fourth and fifth May 2012	---	Sixth 1 June 2016
Democratic Republic of the Congo (1996)	Initial November 2005	Second to fourth 16 April 2009	---
Denmark* (1987)	Fifth May 2007	Sixth and seventh 30 June 2011	---

Periodic reports

State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due/received*
Djibouti (2002)	Initial November 2011	---	Second 25 November 2015
Ecuador* (1988)	Fourth to sixth November 2010	---	Seventh 19 November 2014
Egypt (1986)	Fourth November 2002	Fifth 25 June 2004	---
El Salvador* (1996)	Second November 2009	Third 20 November 2013	---
Estonia* (1991)	Fifth May 2013	---	Sixth 31 May 2017
Ethiopia (1994)	Initial November 2010	---	Second 19 November 2014
Finland* (1989)	Fifth and sixth May 2011	---	Seventh 3 June 2015
France (1986)	Fourth to sixth May 2010	---	Seventh 14 May 2014
Gabon (2000)	Initial November 2012	---	Second 23 November 2016
Georgia* (1994)	Third May 2006	Fourth and fifth 24 November 2011	---
Germany* (1990)	Fifth November 2011	---	Sixth 25 November 2015
Ghana (2000)	Initial May 2011	---	Second 3 June 2015
Greece* (1988)	Fifth and sixth May 2012	---	Seventh 1 June 2016
Guatemala* (1990)	Fifth and sixth May 2013	---	Seventh 31 May 2017
Guyana* (1988)	Initial November 2006	Second 31 December 2008	---
Honduras* (1996)	Initial May 2009	Second 15 May 2013	---
Hungary* (1987)	Fourth November 2006	Fifth and sixth 31 December 2010	---
Iceland* (1996)	Third May 2008	Fourth 30 June 2012	---
Indonesia (1998)	Second May 2008	Third 30 June 2012	---
Ireland* (2002)	Initial May 2011	---	Second 3 June 2015

Periodic reports

State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due/received*
Israel* (1991)	Fourth May 2009	Fifth 15 May 2013	---
Italy* (1989)	Fourth and fifth May 2007	Sixth 30 June 2011	---
Japan* (1999)	Second May 2013		Third 31 May 2017
Jordan* (1991)	Second May 2010	---	Third 14 May 2014
Kazakhstan (1998)	Second November 2008		Third Received 12 August 2013
Kenya* (1997)	Second May 2013	---	Third 31 May 2017
Kuwait* (1996)	Second May 2011	---	Third 3 June 2015
Kyrgyzstan* (1997)	Second November 2013	---	Third 22 November 2017
Latvia* (1992)	Third to fifth November 2013	---	Sixth 22 November 2017
Libya* (1989)	Third May 1999	Fourth 14 June 2002	---
Liechtenstein* (1990)	Third May 2010	---	Fourth 14 May 2014
Lithuania* (1996)	Second November 2008	---	Third Received 8 October 2012
Luxembourg* (1987)	Fifth May 2007	---	Sixth and seventh Received 14 January 2014
Madagascar (2005)	Initial November 2011	---	Second 25 November 2015
Malta* (1990)	Second November 1999	Third 12 December 2000	---
Mauritania	Initial May 2013	---	Second 31 May 2017
Mauritius* (1992)	Third May 2011	---	Fourth 3 June 2015
Mexico* (1986)	Fifth and sixth November 2012	---	Seventh 23 November 2016
Monaco* (1991)	Fourth and fifth May 2011	---	Sixth 3 June 2015

Periodic reports

State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due/received*
Mongolia* (2002)	Initial November 2010	—	Second 19 November 2014
Montenegro* (2006)	Initial November 2008	—	Second Received 24 December 2012
Morocco* (1993)	Fourth November 2011	—	Fifth 25 November 2015
Mozambique (1999)	Initial November 2013	—	Second 22 November 2017
Namibia (1994)	Initial May 1997	Second 27 December 1999	—
Nepal (1991)	Second November 2005	Third to fifth 12 June 2008	—
Netherlands* (1988)	Sixth May 2013	—	Seventh 31 May 2017
New Zealand* (1989)	Fifth May 2009	—	Sixth Received 20 December 2013
Nicaragua (2005)	Initial May 2009	Second 15 May 2013	—
Norway* (1986)	Sixth and seventh November 2012	—	Eighth 23 November 2016
Panama (1987)	Third May 1998	Fourth 27 September 2000	—
Paraguay* (1990)	Fourth to sixth November 2011	—	Seventh 25 November 2015
Peru* (1988)	Fifth and sixth November 2012	—	Seventh 23 November 2016
Philippines* (1986)	Second May 2009	Third 15 May 2013	—
Poland* (1989)	Fifth and sixth November 2013	—	Seventh 22 November 2017
Portugal* (1989)	Fifth and sixth November 2013	—	Seventh 22 November 2017
Qatar (2000)	Second November 2012	—	Third 23 November 2016
Republic of Korea* (1995)	Second May 2006	Third to fifth 7 February 2012	—
Republic of Moldova* (1995)	Second November 2009	Third 20 November 2013	—

Periodic reports

State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due/received*
Romania* (1990)	Initial May 1992	---	Second Received 24 January 2014
Russian Federation* (1987)	Fifth November 2012	---	Sixth 23 November 2016
Rwanda (2008)	Initial May 2012	---	Second 1 June 2016
Saudi Arabia (1997)	Initial May 2002	Second 21 October 2002	---
Senegal (1986)	Third November 2012	---	Fourth 23 November 2016
Serbia* (2001)	Initial November 2008	---	Second Received 2 September 2013
Slovakia* (1993)	Second November 2009	---	Third Received 18 November 2013
Slovenia* (1993)	Third May 2011	---	Fourth 3 June 2015
South Africa (1998)	Initial November 2006	Second 31 December 2009	---
Spain* (1987)	Fifth November 2009	---	Sixth Received 30 December 2013
Sri Lanka (1994)	Third and fourth November 2011	---	Fifth 25 November 2015
Sweden* (1986)	Fifth May 2008	---	Sixth and seventh Received 11 March 2013
Switzerland* (1986)	Fifth and sixth May 2010	---	Seventh 14 May 2014
Syrian Arab Republic (2004)	Initial May 2010	---	Second 14 May 2014
Tajikistan (1995)	Second November 2012	---	Third 23 November 2016
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* (1994)	Second May 2008	---	Third Received 6 September 2013
Togo (1987)	Second November 2012	---	Third 23 November 2016
Tunisia (1988)**	Second November 1998	---	Third Received 16 November 2009

Periodic reports

State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due/received*
Turkey* (1988)	Third November 2010	---	Fourth 19 November 2014
Turkmenistan (1999)	Initial May 2011	---	Second 3 June 2015
Uganda* (1986)	Initial May 2005	Second 25 June 2008	---
Ukraine* (1987)	Fifth May 2007		Sixth Received 4 March 2013
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1988)	Fifth May 2013	---	Sixth 31 May 2017
United States of America* (1994)	Second to Fourth May 2006	---	Fifth Received 12 August 2013
Uruguay* (1986)	Second November 1996	---	Third Received 14 September 2012
Uzbekistan (1995)	Fourth November 2013	---	Fifth 22 November 2017
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (1991)	Second and third May 2002	---	Third and fourth Received 11 September 2012
Yemen (1991)	Second May 2010	---	Third 14 May 2014
Zambia* (1998)	Second May 2008	Third 30 June 2012	---

* States parties submitting reports under the simplified reporting procedure.

** The State party will submit an additional updated report.

7. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fifty-second session is given below:

Tuesday, 29 April		
10 a.m.	Uruguay: third periodic report	CAT/C/URY/3
Wednesday, 30 April		
10 a.m.	Thailand: initial report	CAT/C/THA/1
3 p.m.	Uruguay: replies	

Thursday, 1 May		
10 am	Sierra Leone: initial report	CAT/C/SLE/1
3 p.m.	Thailand: replies	
Friday, 2 May		
3 p.m.	Sierra Leone: replies	
Monday, 5 May		
10 a.m.	The Holy See: initial report	CAT/C/VAT/1
Tuesday, 6 May		
10 a.m.	Guinea: initial report	Not submitted
3 p.m.	The Holy See: replies	
Wednesday, 7 May		
10 a.m.	Montenegro: second periodic report	CAT/C/MNE/2
3 p.m.	Guinea: replies	
Thursday, 8 May		
10 am	Cyprus: fourth periodic report	CAT/C/CYP/4
3 p.m.	Montenegro: replies	
Friday, 9 May		
3 p.m.	Cyprus: replies	
Monday, 12 May		
10 a.m.	Lithuania: third periodic report	CAT/C/LTU/3
Tuesday, 13 May		
3 p.m.	Lithuania: replies	

8. Consideration of information submitted under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, under this item, the Committee will consider information which has been, or appears to have been, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20, paragraph 5, of the Convention and rules 78 and 79 of the Committee's rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention shall be confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article shall be closed.

9. Consideration of communications submitted under article 22 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XXI of its rules of procedure, under this item, the Committee will consider communications which have been, or appear to have been, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rule 107, paragraph 1, of the Committee's rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.